(b) This amount would be used to supply items identified by the Commission, viz. baby food, rice and medicines.

(c&d) India supplied medicines, baby food and milk powder worth Rs. 5 lakhs to Ethiopia in August, 1991. There is at present no proposal under consideration to render similar assistance this year.

Setting-up of National Militia

2713. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set-up a National Militia to fight insurgency, internal disorders and terrorism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Demulsification Plant

2714. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the normal water percentage available in crude oil after demulsification;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the demulsification plant of some wells are not working; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to rectify the problem of demulsification in time?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). The normal water percentage in crude oil after demulsification varies upto 1% in the case of light crude oils and as high as 3% or even more in respect of heavy crude oils. To overcome the problem in heavy oilfields of higher Bottom Sediments and Water (BS&W), free water content and salinity of crude, ONGC is setting up a Central Demulsification and Desalting Plant at Nawagam in Gujarat.

Prawn Production

2715. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposals to the Union Government for the large scale production of prawns in the State; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Some of the proposals submitted by Government of Kerala for prawn farming in the State and the decision taken thereon, are as under:

(i) *Kerala Project for Prawn Culture with assistance from Kuwait Fund for Arab Ecnomic Development:*

The proposal for development of prawn culture in 1500 ha. has already been approved and an agreement has been signed between Govt. of India and Kuwait Fund in 1989. Kuwait Fund will be resuming disbursement for this project from 1992-93.

(ii) *Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies (BFDAs):*

The proposal for establishment of three BFDAs in Alleppey, Trichur and Kozhikode was cleared by Govt. of India in Jannuary, 1992.